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\$825 MILLION ALLOCATED TO CREATE JOBS AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION

Los Angeles – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$825 million in new funding to 92 highway, transit, and rail projects that will strengthen California's economy and upgrade the state's vast transportation system. The allocations included nearly \$9 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, the state has allocated nearly \$8 billion in Proposition 1B funds.

"From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California," said Caltrans Acting Director Malcolm Dougherty.

Two notable design-build projects in Los Angeles County received \$526 million in allocations: the Gerald Desmond Bridge (\$470 million) and the Interstate 10/Interstate 605 Direct Connector (\$56 million). Design-build streamlines a project by overlapping design and construction to speed up construction and potentially reduce costs. Design-build is currently being used in 32 other states. Caltrans obtained design-build authority in February 2009 with the passage of Senate Bill 4 (second extraordinary session). The legislation established a demonstration program, which allows 10 design-build projects for Caltrans and five for local transportation agencies, subject to authorization by the CTC.

Other highlights of the allocations include:

Santa Clarita - \$53.6 to build four miles of truck climbing lanes on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) from the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) to Gavin Canyon Road in the northbound direction and from SR-14 to Pico Canyon/Lyons Avenue in the southbound direction.

Lebec - \$4 million to replace .8 mile of metal beam guardrail with concrete barrier on I-5 from north of the Tejon Pass overcrossing to Frazier Mountain Park Road.

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Downey and Commerce - \$1.4 million to replace 4.8 miles of metal beam guardrail with concrete barrier on I-5 from south of the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) to Washington Boulevard.

For information about all projects that received allocations please visit:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsjune2011.pdf>

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